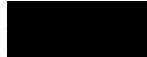




Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at:



Broad St. Waveland, MS

We are now living at:



Address:

Winford Dr

City

Mobile

State

AL

Zipcode

36619

Phone No.



Our family consists of:

Frances



My Katrina experience was:

My Katrina began in June 2005 when my husband died suddenly. In July 2005 my sister became very ill (she had battled cancer for 10 years) We buried her in Orlando FL on 27 Aug. 2005. We (my family) returned to Mississippi on Saturday Aug. 28. (see back)

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:

I want Santa to bring me news as to when I can get a trailer. News as to when I can start to re-build my home in Waveland. Information on what laws and rules are going to be implemented regarding my re-building.

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

Return by November 30th to:

Mayor's Office, City of Waveland, P. O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39576

I did not receive this letter until December 2, 2005

My brother and his family (16 members) my ^{page 2} mother and myself stayed in a home in Mobile AL (where I now reside) during the hurricane. Two large pine trees crashed onto the house during the storm.

We returned to Mississippi on Tuesday to find the devastation.

My home in Wareland was completely flooded although I was luckier than most as my home was still standing.

I was able to salvage many items although lost all my pictures, papers and special items from my husband.

I am still residing in Mobile as I have not been able to get a trailer from FEMA.

With the help of my family and the 1st Baptist Church of Hendersonville, NC I have been able to clear the inside of my home to the studs, but cannot move any further because no one knows if or when re-building will be allowed.

all in all I am better off than many. I have a warm home to live in although I am away from my family and miss them. I keep busy cleaning the few possessions I pulled from the house and yard. There is still so much to do.

One day I will return to Wareland and my home will be rebuilt.

If I will stay or sell my home I don't know. I can only live one day at a time. I nor anyone else can say what the future will bring. Only time will tell —

Frances